

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-2-27-02

Issued at Anchorage, August 14, 2002

Effective Noon, Wednesday
Date: August 14, 2002

Expiration Date: December 31, 2002,
unless superseded by subsequent emergency
order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order increases the daily bag and possession limit of salmon, other than king salmon, from three (3) fish to six (6) fish. All six (6) may be coho salmon, but no more than three (3) fish per day can be a combination of pink, chum, and sockeye salmon. This emergency order applies only to that area of Ship Creek open to salmon fishing, which is that portion of Ship Creek downstream from a point 100 feet below the Chugach Power Plant dam.

This emergency order is effective at noon, Wednesday, August 14, 2002.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 61.022 (m)(14)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective:

5AAC 61.022. WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SUSITNA – WEST COOK INLET AREA.

(m)(14)(B) the bag and possession limit for salmon 16 inches or greater in length, except king salmon 20 inches or greater in length, is six (6) fish of which not more than three (3) can be a combination of sockeye, pink, and chum salmon.

Frank Rue,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Dan Bosch,
Assistant Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Coho salmon escapement into Ship Creek is counted through a fish pass located in the Chugach Power Plant dam. The Ship Creek coho salmon run usually peaks in mid-August, is a result of hatchery production, and has no escapement goal. As of Tuesday, August 13, 2002, over 1,600 coho salmon have been counted. Brood stock requirements for Ship Creek (700-800 coho salmon) have been met. It is justified to increase the daily salmon bag and possession limits for Ship Creek from three (3) to six (6) fish to harvest surplus hatchery-produced coho salmon. Not more than three (3) salmon can be a

combination of sockeye, pink and chum salmon. Snagging remains prohibited and king salmon cannot be retained.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218.